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**TRANSMITTAL  
FORM**

Application Number	10/034,616
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First Named Inventor	OTSU
Art Unit	2839
Examiner Name	Chandrika Prasad
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ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)	PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Before Final <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/Declarations <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> PTO-1449 Form(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Cited References <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter	This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.  <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant(s) claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant(s) petitions for a one-month extension of time and pay the fee of \$110.00 (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)-(5)). <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant(s) believes that no petition for an extension of time is necessary (37 CFR 1.36(c)); however, applicant(s) hereby petition for sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely.

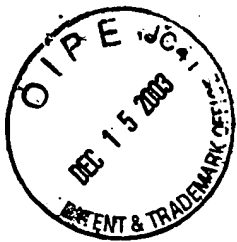
CLAIMS FEES							
<input type="checkbox"/> No additional claim fee is required.							
				Small Entity		Large Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Addit. Claim Fee	Addit. Claim Fee
Total	7	-	8	=0	x 9=	\$	x 18= \$0
Independent	1	-	1	=0	x 43=	\$	x 86= \$0
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Claim					+ 145=	\$	+ 290= \$0

ENCLOSED FEES		
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Claim Fee	\$0	
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension fee for one-month	\$110.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	\$180.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Surcharge for Missing Parts - Declaration	\$130.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	\$110.00	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED		\$0

PAYMENT OF FEES	
<input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-1965.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The Director is authorized to charge Deposit Account Number 50-1965 in the amount of \$	

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY	
Perry J. Hoffman, Reg. No. 37,150 MICHAEL BEST & FRIEDRICH, LLC 401 North Michigan Avenue Suite 1900 Chicago, Illinois 60611 Telephone: (312) 222-0800 Facsimile: (312) 222-0818	 Signature Date: 12-9-03

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of OTSU et al.

Application No. 10/034,616

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For: "Method Of Processing Optical Fiber  
End Portion"

Art Unit: 2839

Examiner: Chandrika Prasad

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 2003

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 11, 2003, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

